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A RE-STATEMENT.

The mission of Baptists is very far from being accomplished. The world has long been without the light of the glorious gospel in all its simplicity and purity.

1. The Church of Christ requires that its membership shall consist of converted persons.

2. That Baptism should be administered to believers, and none but believers.

3. That Christian Baptism is an immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

4. That baptized believers, in fellowship, should partake of the Lord's Supper.

When all evangelical churches embrace these principles, and make their practice in accordance thereto, then, and not till then will the work of Baptists, as such, be completed.

NOVA SCOTIA is beginning to awake to the importance of making known the advantages offered in this country to persons desirous of coming here from the densely populated countries of Europe.

Mr. C. I. Pittman, of Annapolis, is engaged in travelling through the several counties of the Province for the purpose of forming Branch Societies to aid in this work.

Mr. Pittman purposes visiting places in Colchester County in a few days, and there presenting the plan, and seeking further co-operation in this patriotic enterprise.

THIS is an excellent time to commence taking the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER. We have a few copies left of the weeks' issues since the beginning of the New Year for those who would like them.

W. M. A. S. ANNIVERSARY.

The Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies of the Granville Street and North Baptist congregations was held in the Spring Garden Vestry on Tuesday evening of last week.

Rev. E. J. Grant offered prayer, after which the Secretary of the North Baptist Society, Mrs. J. W. Manning, was called upon, and read an excellent report of the past year's proceedings, giving an account of the Mission Band of young people, and their industrious efforts to obtain funds for the support of a native young man preparing for work among his people.

The Secretary of the Granville St. Society, Miss Robinson, then read a brief but encouraging report of the meetings held and funds raised; and of the Mission Band operations in raising the means for the support of an orphan under the care of Miss Hammond at Chicacole.

Rev. J. W. Manning afterwards spoke with great earnestness on the great work of missions, and showed by striking illustrations the need of greater efforts than have yet been put forth.

Dr. Saunders then gave, an impressive address on the need of giving information for the purpose of awakening greater interest in missionary work.

A dialogue given by six young ladies, members of the Mission Band, made a pleasing variety. Miss Havergal's missionary poem, "Sisters," was recited with force and good taste by Miss Hermes, a member of the Granville Street Band.

Miss Selden read some extracts of letters received from several of the other W. M. A. Societies, showing their earnest zeal in the good work.

Rev. Mr. MacArthur expressed the great pleasure he had felt in listening to the reports, addresses, and extracts, and gave words of encouragement to all to persevere in the work of saving their sisters deprived of the blessings enjoyed in Christian lands.

An anthem well rendered, and several appropriate hymns, were sung at intervals, and made the meeting one of much interest.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRURO BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Truro Baptist Church held a series of services for the purpose of celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary on the 2nd and 3rd insts. On Wednesday afternoon a Conference meeting was held. Tea was provided in the vestry at half-past 5 o'clock, and at half-past 7 a Public Meeting was held, at which Wm. Cummings, Esq., presided.

Dr. Page was then called upon, and read a well prepared paper continuing the History from 1858, detailing the separation of the Truro brethren from the church at Onslow, and their formation into a distinct church on January 3rd, 1858.

Mr. Goucher then took the platform, and referred to the events of interest in the history of the church from 1873. One of these facts was the somewhat remarkable one that five of the members of the church had gone forth as missionaries to the heathen.

Rev. D. A. Steele, of Amherst, gave a warm exhortation to continue in faithful adherence to the truth, and in endeavors to sustain and extend the principles we hold.

Rev. G. F. Miles read the first chapter of 1st Thessalonians, and drew a comparison between the Christians there spoken of and those at Truro, and exhorted the church to be continually looking to Christ the risen Saviour.

The addresses were interspersed with excellent singing by the choir.

On the following day a praise meeting was held in the afternoon. Tea was given to the Sabbath School at 5 o'clock, and a meeting held in the evening, at which papers were read on the history and progress of the Sabbath School by Messrs. C. H. Blair and A. J. Walker.

We regret that we did not receive the above information sooner.

The death of Mr. Alexander McLeod and his large bequests to benevolent objects has called forth no small amount of comment, private and public. This was perhaps awakened by a brief letter published in an evening paper early last week as follows:—

Sir—As the ministers of all denominations in this city have been foremost in the temperance meetings in denouncing the liquor traffic, and specially holding up the dealers to the contempt of the community, representing them as everything that is vile, a splendid opportunity presents itself of showing the public their sincerity in the cause by protesting against one cent of the money left by our late respected citizen, A. McLeod, Esq., being received by the church, as the whole was made in that business; if not, will they rise and explain?

This was replied to on the following day:—

Sir—I notice in the Recorder of yesterday a few lines from the pen of C. J. Gibson, who I understand, is a liquor-seller and connected with the same church to which the late A. McLeod belonged. Mr. G. calls upon the churches that were remembered in Mr. McLeod's will to rise and explain why they have not protested against receiving one cent of the money gained in this way.

I do not pretend to answer for the churches in question, but I may say on general principles, that I see no reason why we should not strive to reclaim the Lord's property out of the devil's hand. If money that has hitherto been used in the service of the evil one can now be reclaimed and appropriated to the service of Him to whom it properly belongs, shall we hesitate to do it?

Suppose a man spends years of his life in serving the devil, but then repents and determines to devote the remainder of his days to the service of God. C. J. Gibson might as well ask the ministers to arise and explain why they do not protest against receiving such a man into the church.

Other letters have appeared expressing the opinion, that money made by the sale of intoxicating drinks will not be accompanied with God's blessing, God's curse being upon such money has passed into a number of common proverbs.

The amount of Mr. McLeod's bequest mentioned in our last, taken from one of our city papers, is, we are informed, far over-estimated. Instead of its being half a million of dollars that is likely to come to Dalhousie College it is now said it will probably not exceed \$100,000 after all the other bequests and legacies are provided for.

CLEAN MONEY.—As a merchant lay upon his dying bed, he spoke to his children of the little property which he had acquired and was leaving behind him. "It is not much," said he, "but there is not a dirty shilling in it."

There is such a thing as clean money it may be earned by diligence in business, by honest labor of hand or mind, or by the severest toil in occupations which are not esteemed as either easy or genteel.

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Literary Items.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE for February, (the Midwinter number) has immense attractions in its stories and discussions of public questions.

ST. NICHOLAS FOR FEBRUARY, has its usual variety of poetry, prose and pictures. The latter are real works of art.

NEWTON CENTRE, MASS., Jan. 25th, 1883.

Of the 62 Students at Newton, Theological Seminary this year, ten are from Nova Scotia, and four from New Brunswick, more than one fifth of the whole.

This being the day set apart for Prayer for Colleges, the provincial students met at 8.30, before the regular meetings of the day commenced, in special prayer for God's blessing upon Acadia College, so dear to us all.

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HOME NEWS

Nova Scotia.

Mr. George Munro, of New York, has supplemented his gifts to Dalhousie College by a further proposal to provide for three tutorships—one in Greek, one in Latin, and one in Mathematics, at a salary of \$1,000 a year.

The Hon. John Boyd, of St. John, N. B., lectured on Friday evening in the Assembly Hall of Acadia College, Wolfville; subject—"An evening with Katherine and Arthur Bonnicastle."

APPOINTMENTS.—Guysboro' Co.—To be a Justice of the Peace—Nathaniel Ashton of Ecum Secum.

Three men working in Spring Hill mines were badly injured on the 23rd inst. A quantity of coal fell on James Carmichael and bruised him considerably; a man named McRae had his foot smashed; and another man named Cunningham had his hand crushed.

THE High Street schoolhouse at Pictou was burned to the ground on Monday evening of last week. Loss to the town \$6,000; insured for \$3,000.

THAT HUSBAND OF MINE is three times the man he was before he began using "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Druggists.

The Y. M. C. A. held its annual meeting on Thursday evening. A large number of the members were in attendance.

The President's Report was encouraging in its facts and its tone. The Secretary's Report was very brief. It spoke of his visit to the United States in June last, and what he had learned of other Associations there.

The Financial Report showed deficit of \$231.52, which it was recommended be wiped out during the meeting.

TEMPERANCE MATTERS.—The Scott Act is doing its work in some of our counties. It will come into operation in Colchester in March, and we hope it will prove equal to the task of stopping the work of destruction and death which the liquor traffic has been effecting for so long a time.

A new division of the Sons of Temperance was organized last week in St. Andrew's, Halifax Co.

Mr. Hutchings is at work as Lecturing Agent. He has appointments for lectures as follows:—Meadowvale, Wednesday, January 31; Upper Steviacke Village, Thursday, February 1; Upper Steviacke, Eastville, Saturday, Feb. 3; Smithfield, Monday, Feb. 5; Middle Steviacke, Tuesday, Feb. 6; Lower Steviacke, Friday, Feb. 9; North River, Saturday, Feb. 10; Belmont, Tuesday, Feb. 13; Cufton, Thursday, Feb. 15.

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES.—The great secret of beauty is pure blood. Eruptions and all blotches that disfigure the face, may be quickly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. Annie Heath, of Portland, certifies that she was cured by this remedy, after suffering for two years.

The Northern Light is only partially successful in keeping up connection with the mainland. She left Georgetown on the 17th for Pictou, but could only reach Cape Bear and returned.

Meessrs. E. Churchill & Sons, of Hantsport, intend, it is said, to build a first-class steamer for the St. John and Annapolis route, capable of running through the entire year.

The Skating Carnival at Kentville on Tuesday of last week had a sad close. A young man named Armstrong, son of the station master at Fairmouth, was getting aboard at Wolfville, but fell and was crushed so that he died during the night.

The Bidgetown Monitor says:—A basket social is one of the latest schemes for raising money for church purposes. They seem to be very popular and productive of much fun.

The following is the method by which a basket social is conducted: Each lady attending takes a basket containing supper for two persons.

Kings County. School houses have just now been completed, in place of the two burned last Spring at South Berwick and Winterville. A Basket Social was held in the new school house at Winterville, last Monday evening, to raise funds to furnish the house with maps &c., result a success.

The Rev. D. O. Parker, Berwick, has been sick for several months past. A large number of friends gathered at his house on Friday evening had a very enjoyable time—presented him with a purse of cash, also a variety of useful articles as a token of their esteem of himself, Mrs. Parker and their family.

Extra meetings are being held in connection with the Cambridge Baptist Church at Grafton. Several young persons have professed conversion, others are anxiously looking toward the church.

CATARH OF THE BLADDER.—Stinging irritation, inflammation, all Kidney and Urinary Complaints, cured by "Buchupaiba." \$1.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE.—Rev. W. E. Gifford, while pastor of M. E. Church, Bothwell, suffered from chronic dyspepsia so badly as to render life almost a burden. Three bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured him.

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